Claims

[c1] 1. A method of sending a mobile phone contact list from
a first mobile phone using a mobile phone messaging
service to one or more other mobile phones comprising:
displaying the mobile phone contact list of the first mo-
bile phone;
selecting one or more contacts from the mobile phone
contact list;
adding the selected contacts from the mobile phone
contact list to a message; and
sending the message containing selected contacts to the
one or more other mobile phones.

[c2] 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the mobile phone
messaging service uses a short messaging service (SMS)
format.

[c3] 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the mobile phone
messaging service uses a multi-media messaging service
(MMS) format.

[c4] 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising previewing
the message prior to sending the message so that addi-
tional contacts can be added to the message and se-

lected contacts can be deleted.

[c5]   5. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying the contact data for a selected contact prior to adding the contact to the message.

[c6]   6. A computer program product for sending a mobile phone contact list from a first mobile phone to one or more other mobile phones using a mobile phone messaging service, the computer program product comprising:

computer program code for displaying the mobile phone contact list of the first mobile phone;

computer program code for selecting one or more contacts from the mobile phone contact list;

computer program code for adding the selected contacts from the mobile phone contact list to a message; and

computer program code for sending the message containing selected contacts to the one or more other mobile phones.

[c7]   7. The computer program product of claim 6 wherein the mobile phone messaging service uses a short messaging service (SMS) format.

[c8]   8. The computer program product of claim 6 wherein the mobile phone messaging service uses a multi-media

messaging service (MMS) format.

[c9]   9. The computer program product of claim 6 further comprising computer program code for previewing the message prior to sending the message so that additional contacts can be added to the message and selected contacts can be deleted.

[c10]   10. The computer program product of claim 6 further comprising computer program code for displaying the contact data for a selected contact prior to adding the contact to the message.

[c11]   11. A method of receiving mobile phone contact list data in a first mobile phone sent from a second mobile phone using a mobile phone messaging service comprising: receiving a message in the first mobile phone from the second mobile phone;
determining whether the received message contains contact list data and, if so launching a application specific software program to manage the received contact list data, otherwise handling the received message normally;
displaying the received mobile phone contact list;
resolving contact list data conflicts between the received contact list data and contact data already stored on the first mobile phone; and

storing the new mobile phone contact list data in the first mobile phone.

[c12] 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the mobile phone messaging service uses a short messaging service (SMS) format.

[c13] 13. The method of claim 11 wherein the mobile phone messaging service uses a multi-media messaging service (MMS) format.

[c14] 14. A computer program product for receiving a mobile phone contact list data in a first mobile phone sent from a second mobile phone using a mobile phone messaging service, the computer program product comprising: computer program code for receiving a message in the first mobile phone from the second mobile phone; computer program code for determining whether the re-ceived message contains contact list data and, if so launching a application specific software program to manage the received contact list data, otherwise han-dling the received message normally; computer program code for displaying the received mo-bile phone contact list; resolving contact list data conflicts between the received contact list data and contact data already stored on the first mobile phone; and

computer program code for storing the new mobile phone contact list data in the first mobile phone.

[c15] 15. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the mobile phone messaging service uses a short messaging service (SMS) format.

[c16] 16. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the mobile phone messaging service uses a multi-media messaging service (MMS) format.

[c17] 17. A method of uploading a mobile phone contact list from a mobile phone to a computer server residing on a digital cellular network (DCN), the method comprising:
selecting one or more contacts on the mobile phone to be uploaded to the computer server;
establishing a connection between the mobile phone and the computer server; and
uploading the contact list from the mobile phone to the computer server.

[c18] 18. The method of claim 17 further comprising storing the uploaded contact list on the computer server.

[c19] 19. The method of claim 17 further comprising sending a message to other mobile phones indicating that a new contact list has been posted on the computer server.

[c20] 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the message indicating that a new contact list has been posted on the computer server is sent from the mobile phone that uploaded the contact list to the server.

[c21] 21. The method of claim 19 wherein the message indicating that a new contact list has been posted on the computer server is automatically sent from the computer server.

[c22] 22. A computer program product for uploading a mobile phone contact list from a mobile phone to a computer server residing on a digital cellular network (DCN), the computer program product comprising:
computer program code for selecting one or more contacts on the mobile phone to be uploaded to the computer server;
computer program code for establishing a connection between the mobile phone and the computer server; and
computer program code for uploading the contact list from the mobile phone to the computer server.

[c23] 23. A method of downloading a mobile phone contact list from a computer server residing on a digital cellular network (DCN), the method comprising:
establishing a connection between the mobile phone and the computer server; and

downloading the contact list from the computer server to the mobile phone.

[c24]   24. The method of claim 23 further comprising previewing the downloaded contact list on the mobile phone.

[c25]   25. The method of claim 23 further comprising storing the downloaded contact list on the mobile phone.

[c26]   26. A computer program product for downloading a mobile phone contact list from a computer server residing on a digital cellular network (DCN), the computer program product comprising:
computer program code for establishing a connection between the mobile phone and the computer server; and computer program code for downloading the contact list from the computer server to the mobile phone.